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President will be making broadcast ~~probably~~ 7 p.m. Washington time Monday on Cuba. Will confirm exact time ~~HEAVY~~ later. Shortly before broadcast, ~~preferably~~ not more than one half hour before, you should see Brandt and give him following message:

President will shortly be making broadcast re dangerous developments in Cuba and action he has authorized.

Evidence that offensive nuclear missile bases have been secretly installed in Cuba by Soviets is incontrovertible. Also extensive work in progress for additional bases. Soviet action in direct contradiction Khrushchev statements, confirmed to President personally just few days ago by Gromyko, that only defensive weapons being supplied Cuba.

Mayor
~~As you~~ will remember President stated publicly month ago QTE if at any time Communist buildup in Cuba were to ... become offensive military base of significant capacity for Soviet Union this country would do whatever must be done to protect its own

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security and that of its allies." An immediate nuclear quarantine is therefore necessary to prevent further offensive missile installations ~~installations~~ by Soviets in Cuba. This action also intended lead to elimination of offensive missiles already in place.

Soviets may be linking their action to certain broader objectives such as Berlin. While he believes analogy between Berlin and Cuba to be false, President has problem very much in mind.

President is sending a personal message to Khrushchev expressing the hope that the path of peaceful negotiation can be resumed.

You can assure Mayor we will keep him fully informed of all developments.

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